

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual, comprising administering an effective amount of a METH1 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 1 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acids 2 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) amino acids 29 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) amino acids 30 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (e) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209581;
- (f) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209581; and
- (g) amino acids 1 to 968 of SEQ ID NO:125;
- ~~(h) amino acids 235 to 459 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(i) amino acids 460 to 544 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(j) amino acids 545 to 598 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(k) amino acids 841 to 894 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(l) amino acids 895 to 934 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(m) amino acids 536 to 613 in SEQ ID NO:2; and~~
- ~~(n) amino acids 549 to 563 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~

or a METH2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- ~~(e)~~(h) amino acids 1 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(f)~~(i) amino acids 2 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(g)~~(j) amino acids 24 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(h)~~(k) amino acids 112 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(s)~~(l) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- ~~(t)~~(m) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;

- ~~(u)~~(n) amino acids 214 to 439 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(v)~~(o) amino acids 440 to 529 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(w)~~(p) amino acids 530 to 583 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(x)~~(q) amino acids 837 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(y)~~(r) amino acids 280 to 606 in SEQ ID NO:4; and
- ~~(z)~~(s) amino acids 529 to 548 in SEQ ID NO:4;

wherein said polypeptide has METH1 or METH2 activity and said method is used to treat benign tumors, an ocular angiogenic disease, vasculogenesis, granulations, hypertrophic scars, nonunion fractures, scleroderma, trachoma, vascular adhesions, myocardial angiogenesis, coronary collaterals, cerebral collaterals, arteriovenous malformations, ischemic limb angiogenesis, Osler-Webber Syndrom, plaque neovascularization, hemophiliac joints, angiofibroma, fibromuscular dysplasia, wound granulation, or atherosclerosis.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual, comprising administering an effective amount of a METH1 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 1 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acids 2 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) amino acids 29 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) amino acids 30 to 950 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (e) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209581;
- (f) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209581; and
- (g) amino acids 1 to 968 of SEQ ID NO:125;
- ~~(h) amino acids 235 to 459 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(i) amino acids 460 to 544 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(j) amino acids 545 to 598 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(k) amino acids 841 to 894 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(l) amino acids 895 to 934 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~
- ~~(m) amino acids 536 to 613 in SEQ ID NO:2; and~~
- ~~(n) amino acids 549 to 563 in SEQ ID NO:2;~~

or a METH2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- ~~(e)~~(h) amino acids 1 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(f)~~(i) amino acids 2 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(g)~~(j) amino acids 24 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(h)~~(k) amino acids 112 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(s)~~(l) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- ~~(t)~~(m) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- ~~(u)~~(n) amino acids 214 to 439 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(v)~~(o) amino acids 440 to 529 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(w)~~(p) amino acids 530 to 583 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(x)~~(q) amino acids 837 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- ~~(y)~~(r) amino acids 280 to 606 in SEQ ID NO:4; and
- ~~(z)~~(s) amino acids 529 to 548 in SEQ ID NO:4;

wherein said polypeptide has METH1 or METH2 activity and said method is used in birth control.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising administering another angiogenic compound.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual, comprising administering an effective amount of a METH2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 1 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) amino acids 2 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (c) amino acids 24 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (d) amino acids 112 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;

- (e) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- (f) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- (g) amino acids 214 to 439 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (h) amino acids 440 to 529 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (i) amino acids 530 to 583 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (j) amino acids 837 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (k) amino acids 280 to 606 in SEQ ID NO:4; and
- (l) amino acids 529 to 548 in SEQ ID NO:4,

wherein said polypeptide has METH2 activity and said method is used to treat benign tumors, an ocular angiogenic disease, vasculogenesis, granulations, hypertrophic scars, nonunion fractures, scleroderma, trachoma, vascular adhesions, myocardial angiogenesis, coronary collaterals, cerebral collaterals, arteriovenous malformations, ischemic limb angiogenesis, Osler-Webber Syndrom, plaque neovascularization, hemophiliac joints, angiofibroma, fibromuscular dysplasia, wound granulation, or atherosclerosis.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual, comprising administering an effective amount of a METH2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 1 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) amino acids 2 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (c) amino acids 24 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (d) amino acids 112 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (e) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- (f) the mature amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209582;
- (g) amino acids 214 to 439 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (h) amino acids 440 to 529 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (i) amino acids 530 to 583 in SEQ ID NO:4;
- (j) amino acids 837 to 890 in SEQ ID NO:4;

(k) amino acids 280 to 606 in SEQ ID NO:4; and

(l) amino acids 529 to 548 in SEQ ID NO:4,

wherein said polypeptide has METH2 activity and said method is used in birth control.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising administering another angiogenic compound.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (a).

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (b).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (c).

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (d).

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (e).

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (f).

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (g).

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (h).

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (i).
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (j).
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (k).
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (l).
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (a).
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (b).
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (c).
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (d).
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (e).
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (f).

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (g).
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (h).
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (i).
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (j).
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (k).
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the amino acid sequence of the METH2 polypeptide comprises (l).